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SWCD Spotlight

Of Louisiana's 44 Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), the Iberia SWCD's workload may paradoxically be considered both typical and quite unique. Typical in that the Iberia SWCD staff works primarily with private landowners to address conservation concerns on cropland and grazing land; unique in that conservation priorities in Iberia parish extend equally far beyond these primary land uses.

Conservation on agricultural land in Iberia parish may account for the bulk of the Iberia field office staff workload, but certainly not all of it. In fiscal year '25, although nearly 1,200 Iberia parish landowners were assisted with conservation on more than 60,000 acres, the Iberia SWCD also reestablished more than 29,000 linear feet of both shoreline and interior marsh vegetation in the Iberia parish intertidal wetlands as part of an ongoing coastal restoration effort.

Compared with arable ag land under voluntary conservation plans relative to its total geographic span



the Iberia SWCD is clearly among the most active SWCDs in the state.

The Iberia SWCD's (I-VSWCD) origins date back to June of 1945, when the "Iberia-Vermilion Soil Conservation District" was officially chartered, covering the expanse of both of those "Teche-Vermilion" parishes. Over time, conservation needs and concerns diverged, and in 1985, the I-VSWCD split into two distinct SWCDs, one of which is our current gem, ISWCD, which has remained relentless in its voluntary conservation focus and delivery.

In 2025, the Iberia Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) continued its mission of protecting natural resources through education, innovation, and hands-on conservation efforts. From engaging youth in environmental awareness to supporting local farmers with cutting-edge technology, the District's work reflects a deep commitment to sustainability and community collaboration.

One of the year's most impactful outreach events was Ag Day at the SugArena, held on March 7. Nearly 1,000 students and 60 educators attended the event,



where the District taught water conservation and sustainability using the Enviroscape model. This interactive watershed model helped students understand how pollution—both point and nonpoint source—can travel through neighborhoods, farms, and industrial areas, eventually reaching lakes, rivers, and oceans. The demonstration emphasized the importance of responsible land use and the role each person plays in protecting water quality.

The District also hosted its annual Locally-Led conservation meeting on March 12, bringing together cooperators, community members, and partners to discuss natural resource concerns. Topics included soil erosion, plant and soil health, and water ponding and flooding. These discussions help shape the District's priorities and ensure that local voices guide conservation strategies.

As a direct response to these stakeholder concerns, the District is engaging with Iberia Parish Government to develop a high-resolution 2D model aimed at identifying ways to improve drainage in the Teche-Vermilion Basin. This initiative is a direct spin-off from data collected through the USDA's Q1 LiDAR and a PL566 Watershed Plan. The model will provide critical insights into water flow and flood risk, helping the parish make informed decisions to enhance resilience and protect both agricultural and residential areas.

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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

LDAF opens applications for Black Vulture Depredation Sub-Permit

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) announces that it recently obtained a statewide depredation permit for black vultures from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and will begin administering it to protect livestock.

The LDAF statewide depredation permit provides livestock producers with the opportunity to apply for a Black Vulture Depredation Sub-Permit, which allows legal "takes" of black vultures attacking livestock. Livestock producers experiencing depredation by black vultures may apply for permits to "take" up to five birds. The permit is valid for this calendar year and must be renewed each year. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Black vultures can pose a significant threat to livestock, particularly calves," said LDAF Commissioner Mike Strain, DVM. "LDAF applied for and was granted a Migratory Bird Depredation Permit to help livestock producers manage these predatory birds effectively. I strongly encourage our livestock producers to take advantage of this opportunity."

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SOUTHEAST ALABAMA WEEKLY HAY REPORT, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Bermuda Large Round | Premium | \$160-\$200/ton |
| Bermuda Medium Round..... | Premium | \$150-\$200/ton |
| Bermuda Small Square..... | Premium | \$280-\$440/ton |

SOUTH TEXAS WEEKLY HAY REPORT, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------|
| Bermuda Large Round | Good | \$95-\$115/ton |
| Bermuda Small Square..... | Good | \$10-\$12/ton |

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VISIT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS MARKET



ACADIA

Rayne Farmers Market
Frog Fest Pavilion,
210 Frog Fest Dr
2nd Sat, 8AM-2PM

ALLEN

Oberlin Farmers Market ●
228 West 6th Ave
Wed 9AM-1PM

ASCENSION

Hwy. 621 Outdoor Market
39275 Hwy 621, Gonzales
Seasonal on Sat 8AM-12PM
April-Aug, Oct-Dec

Riverside Farmers Market of ●
LA, 45020 Manny Guitreau Rd
Sat, 9AM-2PM, 1st & 3rd Sun
10AM-2PM

ASSUMPTION

Barcelo Gardens Farmers ●
Market, 211 Franklin Ave,
Napoleonville, Sat, 11AM-2PM

AVOYELLES

Marksville Farmers Market
122 E. Mark St, Sat 8-11AM, Jun

BEAUREGARD

DeRidder Farmers Market ●
206 N. Washington Ave
Daily 7AM-6PM

BOSSIER

Barksdale Market
3226 Barksdale Blvd
Sun 10AM-2PM, Apr-Jun

Benton Farmers Market
495 Simpson, Sun 12-4PM

Bossier City Farmers Market
2950 E Texas St
Sat 9AM-1PM, April-Nov

CADDO

Greenwood Farmers Market ●
William Peters Town Park,
9381 Greenwood Rd
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Aug

Shreveport Farmers Market
River front at Festival Plaza
Sat 7:30AM-12:30PM, Jun-Aug

CALCASIEU

Cash & Carry Farmers Market ●
801 Enterprise Blvd, Lake
Charles, Corner of Broad &
Enterprise, Tues, 4-6PM

Charlestown Farmers Market
Bilbo St. behind old City Hall
Sat 8AM-12PM

Iowa Farmers Market
115 N. Thompson,
Sat, 9AM-1PM

Lake Charles Farm & Table
Market
110 W Pine St, Lake Charles
Tuesdays 3pm-6pm

Moss Bluff Farmers & Crafters,
Sam Houston Jones Pkwy
Sat 8AM-12PM, April-Oct

CALDWELL

Columbia Farmers Market ●
Main Street
Sat 8AM-12PM, June & July

CLAIBORNE

Harvest Time Homer ●
W Main & N 2nd St
Sat 8AM-1PM, May-Oct

CONCORDIA

Delta Farmers Market ●
405 Carter St, Vidalia
Wed 9AM-1PM, June-1st freeze

EAST BATON ROUGE

Red Stick Farmers Market #1 ●
Fifth St & Main St, Baton Rouge
Sat 8AM-12PM

Red Stick Farmers Market #2 ●
Pennington Biomedical
(Perkins), Thurs 8AM-12PM

Red Stick Farmers Market #3 ●
7711 Goodwood, Baton Rouge
Tues 8AM-12PM, Apr-Jul, Oct-Dec

Red Stick Farmers Mobile ●
Market, ExxonMobil YMCA,
7717 Howell Blvd, Baton Rouge
Thurs 9AM-12PM, May-Jul, Oct-Nov

Zachary Famers & Artisans ●
Market, Memorial Park
Sat 10AM-2PM

EVANGELINE

Ville Platte Farmers Market
East Main St, May-Aug, Fri
4-6PM

GRANT

Colfax Farmers Market ●
8th St near Pecan Festival Bldg
Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov

IBERIA

Delcambre Farmers Market ●
605 S Railroad St (Hwy 330)
1st Sat 9AM-1PM, Mar-Dec

Da Berry Fresh Market ●
520 S. Hopkins St, New Iberia
Wed -Sun 10AM-6PM

Teche Area Farmers Market ●
102 W Main St. Bouligny Plaza
Tues 2-5PM, Sat 7-11AM

IBERVILLE

St. Gabriel Farmers Market
3495 Hwy 75 @ 5755 Hwy 74
3rd Sat, 9AM-2PM

JEFFERSON

Rotary Grand Isle Farmers
Market, Oak Lane
2nd Sat, 8AM-1PM

Gretna Farmers Market ●
Huey P. Long Ave
Sat 8:30AM-12:30PM

Harahan Farmers Market ●
501 Oak Ave @ Wilson &
Hickory, Sun 9AM-1PM

Crescent City #1
2614 Jefferson @ Maine St.
(Ochsner) Wed 3-7PM Oct-Jul

CRESSENT CITY

Crescent City #2
325 Metairie-Hammond Hwy.
@ the Lake (Bucktown)
Fri 3-7PM

Lafreniere Park Farmers Arts ●
Market, 3000 Downs Blvd,
Metairie
Wed, Jan-Nov, 2-7PM
Sat, Dec 3, 10, and 17, 9AM-1PM

JEFFERSON DAVIS

Coushatta Farmers Market
Hwy 190 & Pine St, Elton
1st Sat 7:30AM-12PM, Oct-Jun

Main Street Farmers Market
1333 Elton Rd, Jennings
Sat 9AM-12PM, March-Dec

Welsh Farmers Market
103 W. Grove St
Tues 3:30-6PM, May-Sept

LAFAYETTE

Acadiana Farmers Market ●
801 Foreman Dr & Dulles St,
Tues & Sat, 5-10AM, year round

Lafayette Jockey Lot Flea
Market, 3011 NW Evangeline
Thruway, Sat 9AM-5PM, Sun
10AM-5PM

Farmers & Artisans Market ●
Horse Farm, 2913 Johnston St,
Lafayette, Sat 8AM-12PM

LAFOURCHE

LaFourche Central Market
4484 Hwy 1 at US 90, Raceland
Sat 9AM-12PM

LASALLE

Olla Town Square Market ●
2990 Front St, Tues 1-5PM,
May-Aug 11

Town of Tullos Farmers' Market
Corner of S Main & Park St
Fri, 12-4PM, May 1-Aug 28

LINCOLN

Ruston Farmer's Market ●
220 E Mississippi, Sat 9AM-1PM

LIVINGSTON

Four Seasons Farmers Market ●
Sat 8AM-12PM

Livingston Farmers Market
215 Florida St, Denham Springs
Sat 7AM-12PM

MADISON

Tallulah Farmers Market #1 ●
404 N Cedar St, Hwy. 65
Tues, Thurs & Sat, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec

Tallulah Farmers Market #2
Court House Square
Tues, Thurs, 6AM-5PM
Sat 8AM-12PM, Jun-Dec

MOREHOUSE

Morehouse Parish Market
305 E Madison, Bastrop
Mon-Sat 7AM-5PM

ST. CHARLES

German Coast #1 ●
St. Charles Parish Library,
160 West Campus Dr,
Destrehan
Sat 8AM-12PM

German Coast #2 ●
West Bank Bridge Park
13825 River Rd, Luling
Wed 1-5PM

ST. HELENA

St. Helena Parish Farmers ●
Market, 6032 LA-10,
Greensburg, Fri, 8AM-1PM

ST. LANDRY

St. Landry Farmers Market
952 East Landry St, Hwy 190,
Opelousas, Tu/Th/Sat 6:30-
11AM, Apr-Nov

NATCHITOCHES

Natchitoches River Front, Sat
8AM-12PM, Apr-Aug, Oct-Nov

Natchitoches Farmers Market
Mobile Market #1 (City Park)
Tues-Fri 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug,
Oct-Nov

Natchitoches Mobile Farmers
Market #2 (Riverbank)
Mon-Wed 10AM-6PM, Apr-Aug,
Oct-Nov

ORLEANS

Barcelo Gardens ●
2301 Gallier St,
Sat 10AM-1PM

Crescent City Farmers ●
Market — UPTOWN New
Orleans, 200 Broadway
Tues 8AM - 12PM

Crescent City Farmers ●
Market — MID-CITY New
Orleans, Lafitte Greenway
Plaza, 500 N. Norman Parkway
Thurs 3PM - 7PM

Crescent City Farmers ●
Market — CITY PARK New
Orleans, Tad Gormely Stadium
Marconi @ Navarre
Sun 8 AM - 12PM

OUACHITA

Monroe Farmers Market ●
1200 Washington St
Mon-Sat 6 AM-1PM, May-Nov

W Monroe Farmers Market ●
1700 North 7th St
Mon-Sat 8AM-5PM, May-Oct

RAPIDES

Alexandria Farmers Market ●
2727 Jackson St, Tues 3-6PM

Boyce Farmers' Market
627 Pacific Ave, Thur 3-6PM

Cabrini Farmers Market
2211 Texas Ave, Alexandria
Sat 9AM-12PM

RICHLAND

Delhi Farmers Market
1104 Broadway St
Mon-Sat 8AM-6PM, Apr-Nov

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11AM, Apr-Nov

EUNICE

Eunice Farmers Market
Second St & Park Ave
Sat 9AM-12PM, May-Nov

ST. MARTIN

Stephensville Market Rec Park
3257 Hwy 70, Morgan City
2nd Sat, 10AM

ST. MARY

Berwick Town Market
Under bridge @ 3rd & Lima St
3rd Sat 9AM-1PM (Mar-Jun &
Sept-Dec)

ST. TAMMANY

Abita Springs Art & Farmers ●
Market, 22049 Main St
Sun 11AM - 3 PM

Covington Farmers Market ●
609 North Columbia St
Sat 8AM-noon, Wed 10AM-2PM

Mandeville Trailhead Market ●
675 Lafitte St, Sat 9AM-1PM

Pearl River Farmers Market &
Craft Show, 64537 Hwy 41
1st Sat 8AM-2 PM

Camellia City Farmers Market ●
2055 2nd St, City Hall Parking
Garage, Sat 8AM-12PM

TANGIPAHOA

Hammond Market ●
Market, 106 NW Railroad Ave,
Sat 8AM-12PM

TENSAS

St. Joseph Tailgate Market
Gazebo on Plank Rd
Sat 8-11AM, Mem-Labor Day

TERREBONNE

Cajun Farmers Market of ●
Houma, Naquin St & Martin L
King Blvd, Mon-Sat 6AM-6PM

VERMILION

Abbeville Farmers Market ●
Magdalen Sq, Abbeville
Jun 20, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sept 19,
Oct 17 & Nov 21, 8AM-1PM

Kaplan Farmers Market
Turnley Park, 119 N Irvin Ave
2nd Sat, 8AM-12PM

VERNON

Leesville Farmers Market
S. 3rd St
Wed 10AM-2PM, Sat 8AM-2PM

WASHINGTON

Franklin Farmers Market ●
Washington St & 15th Ave
Mon-Sat, 6:30AM-7PM

WEST FELICIANA

St. Francisville Market ●
9961 Wilcox St
Thurs 8AM-1PM, Spring-Fall

WINN

Winn Farmers Market ●
301 West Main, Winnfield
Tues-Fri, 7AM-until sold out

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| January 22 | January 8 |
| February 5 | January 22 |

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Mobile Petting Zoo, birthday parties, special events, we bring the fun to you, book now, message us on Facebook. Henry Farm Petting Zoo, Buddy Henry, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-0904.

1.5-mile scenic woods trail, catch and release fishing, kayaks, waterfall, cave, etc., picnic areas, group parties, churches, schools, playground, games, golf cart rides for elderly, flowering plants and signage throughout, professional photographers welcome, like us on Facebook. The A Maze Ing Trace Trails, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-4478.

ANIMALS

CATTLE

ATTENTION bull sellers and buyers: All non-virgin bulls and bulls older than 18 months for sale in Louisiana must have a current negative trichomoniasis test from an accredited veterinarian before they may be sold. Virgin bulls must have a breeder's certification of virgin status signed by the breeder, the breeder's agent, or an accredited veterinarian. For more information, contact LDAF Animal Health Services and Food Safety at (225) 925-3980 or visit the LDAF website at www.ldaf.la.gov.

REMINDER: Have all your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age been vaccinated against brucellosis? For information, contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, parish Cattlemen's Association, or parish Farm Bureau.

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Heifer, 6-months-old available, \$3,000 firm. Robert Falcon, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; (985) 381-5762.

AKC Shih Tzu puppies, 1st shots and wormed, 3 males and 1 female, available now, \$1,500 with \$500 deposit. Glenn Waters, Alexandria, Rapides Parish; (318) 787-7301.

Yorkie Puppies, please call or text for availability. Sarah Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 298-8218.

ZEBU

One Zebu bull, three heifers, two heifers have calves, selling for personal health reasons, \$900 each, \$2,800 for all. Ray Reynolds, Roseland, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 247-2927.

OTHER

Four-month-old Scottish Highland bull calf, \$1,000. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

Cut The Bull, Certified Bovine Artificial Insemination, Seymore's Artificial Insemination. Seymore, Livingston, Livingston Parish; (225) 907- 5792.

DOGS

One eight-month-old Mountain Cur squirrel dog, female, trails and trees, call for pricing. Brenda, Allen Parish; (318) 335-1414.

Free Chi-poo/ Pek-a-poo puppies, born 7/27/25, 4 males, 2 females, black and little white, one cream colored, small dogs, weigh 4 pounds or less, first shots and wormed. D Musselwhite, Shreveport, Caddo Parish; (318) 228-5083.

NRTA Reg. Rat Terrier puppies, farm dogs, DNA testing, vet health certificate cleared by parents, call for availability, \$600 and up. George Snyder, Saint Amant, Ascension Parish; (225) 588-5757.

Australian Shepherd/ Jack

Russell puppies, to be born any day, will have first shots and wormed, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Jack Russell puppies, to be born in January, first shots and wormed, \$150. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

One male CKC Pomeranian puppy, all shots, call for pricing. Richard Burns, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (678) 787-3604.



Ultimate Red Diamond doves

\$40 each, shipping available. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, St. John The Baptist Parish; (985) 817-9456.

Pow's males, one green \$500, one blue, \$600. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

Rosellas Rubino, \$700 each. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

Red Firey, \$600. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

Gold Mantel, \$500 each. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

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Cage wire half price 100ft rolls, 2ft high, \$120, 3ft high, \$175, 6ft high, \$270, galvanized after welding. J Olivier, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 414-1245.

Muscovy Ducks, young or grown, \$10 each. Judy, Converse, Sabine Parish; (318) 521-4115.

Zebra Finches, normal colors and solid white, \$15 for each normal, \$20 for white. Mitch Hebert, Jeanerette, Iberia Parish; (337) 849-6920.

Grown flying mallard ducks and grown Pekin ducks, \$20 per pair. Ray Dauzat, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-4566.

Handfed Green Cheek/ Pineapple/Sun Cheek Conures, Cockatiels, Quakers, Lovebirds, please call or text for more information. Sarah Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 298-8218.

PIGEONS

Homer Pigeon crossed with Texas Pioneer, \$10 each, Quail starting at \$1.25 to \$6, Jumbo Brown Pharaoh non-fertile eggs, \$0.12 each. Roger Latiolais, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 962-3463.

Racing homing pigeons different breeds: Blue Bars and Blue Checks speed birds (Janssens), Black Eagles, Red and White and Black and White Blue Check Grizzle Trenton Birds and Muelmans, \$20

each. Vernon Champagne, Houma, Terrebonne Parish; (985) 873-8440.

POULTRY & FOWL

Quails, \$1 to \$3.50 each depending on age, eggs for pickling, \$0.11 each, pickup required. Larry Champagne, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 332-0622.

Young pair of friendly African Geese, \$150. Sarah Daggett, Elton, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 368-7404.

WANTED: Peafowl chicks or fertile eggs. John Anderson, Pride, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 573-6314.

WANTED: Golden Pheasants. Sam Marshall, Campi, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 521-0879.

HORSES, JACKS & MULES,

All horses, mules, and jacks must be from bona fide livestock farmers. We cannot accept notices from horse dealers, order buyers, or persons selling on a commission basis. For all horses, mules, or jacks (except nursing foals), seller must provide to the buyer at the time of sale a copy of the original official negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) that was performed within the past 6 months prior to sale.

Very gentle 16-year-old Dunn gelding, used as a heel horse, good for beginners or could be used a kid's playday horse, negative coggins provided, \$10,000. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

Six mini horses, geldings, riding and leading them, \$800 each. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

WANTED: Will pay cash for mini burros for my wife. Skip Russell, Ruston, Lincoln Parish; (318) 548-5050.

RABBITS

Galvalume sheet metal nesting boxes, customized sizes, trays for rabbit cages, bird cages, etc., available, also wood duck boxes, please call or text for pricing. Andy Walker, Basile, Acadia Parish; (337) 254-4414.

San Juan and Tennessee Red Back mix, \$25 each. Godfred Schexnayder, Labadieville, Assumption Parish; (985) 859-8230.

Two females and one male rabbits, proven, call for pricing. Kenneth Credeur, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 344-5461.

Going out of business must sell, New Zealand Whites, California, and mixed breed bucks, does, if no answer leave a message, \$20-\$25 for bucks and does.

Lizzie, St. John the Baptist Parish; (985) 233-9494.

WANTED: Live black squirrels, must be black, not brown and black, must be uninjured and ready for release, will pay \$30 a piece. Brian, Breaux Bridge, St. Martin Parish; (337) 257-0731.

SHEEP & GOAT

2025 Blackbelly lambs, wethered, when calling lease leave a message, \$100 and up. Lee Wise Jr., Goldonna, Winn Parish; (318) 576-3601.

Large male Bora/Brush goats, 2 to 4 years old, \$200 to \$250 each. Scott Kees, Deville, Rapides Parish; (318) 451-1180.

WANTED: Young Purebred Boer Billy, no papers needed. Cheri McReynolds, Zwolle, Sabine Parish; (307) 730-8229.

AQUACULTURE

Steel Pipe, 12-inch, 14-inch, 16- inch, 20-inch, 24-inch, 30-inch, 36-inch, 48-inch, call for pricing. Dan Roque Jr., Clouterville, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 201-1715.

Pond stocking, channel catfish, \$0.40/l, Copper nose bluegill, \$0.35/l; Louisiana bluegill, \$0.35/l; hybrid bluegill, \$0.40/l; red-ear bream, \$0.40/l; black crappie, \$0.45/l; bass, \$1.25/l; fathead minnows, \$14/lb. David Lowe, Minden, Webster Parish; (318) 465-2350.

EQUIPMENT

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT

2 3/8-inch tubing, tested to 5,000 pounds, \$40 per joint. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Four conductor #10 AWG, 100ft, \$190. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

Four conductor #12 AWG, 100ft, \$130. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

50 cond #10 AW, \$150. DF Sims, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 305-6064.

CAT D5K2 LGP dozer, 2012, no DEF, good undercarriage, new engine installed by cat dealer 80 hours ago, 3,750 hours,

new hydraulic lines, ready to work, \$60,000. Stan Muller, Krotz Springs, St. Landry Parish; (337) 945-5557.

EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR HIRE

Dozer and excavator work services, land clearing, limestone, dirt, ponds, crawfish ponds, roads, house pads, culvert settings, and level work, call for quote. Chad Helminger, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 201-5767.

Land prepared, cleared, contoured, fields mowed, mulched, cultivated, and drained, trees removed, arenas and gravel roads reconditioned 8" deep, install and repair ponds, streams, roads, walls, fences, call for quote. John W Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 634-0074.

Track hoe, dozer and grinder work for \$200 per hour, \$1,000 minimum, Livingston Parish and surrounding areas. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Mobile welding, dirt work, track hoe, handyman, custom plowing, plumbing, demolition, property clean up, call for quote. Patrick, none, Acadia Parish; (337) 246-3112.

Land clearing, excavator and dozer work, house pad, culverts, pond, excavation, bull dozing, site preparation, dirt hauling, grading and more, call for quote. Stephen, St. Francisville, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 938-6836.

HAY EQUIPMENT

3-point lift hay spear, \$175. Buck Webb, Choudrant, Lincoln Parish; (318) 768-2881.

John Deere 468 Mega-Wide Plus hay baler, excellent condition, \$9,500 OBO. John Bazer, Batchelor, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-9703.

Vermeer 605 H round hay baler, 5X6, kept in shed, \$4,000 OBO. Joseph, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

LAWN EQUIPMENT

2006 pole saw T242, \$75. Barbara Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.



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2016 super bronze tiller, \$300.
Barbara Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.

2018 weed trimmer, \$75.
Barbara Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.

X-Mark Quest, zero-turn, \$2,800 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

PICKERS & HARVESTERS

W&A 8-row hippers with Ortham row markers, \$2,000. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Taylorway 8-row cultivator, 5-plow gangs with shields, \$800. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

Ditch Witch with 4-way blade, land boring unit, drill pipe and bits, trailer, excellent condition, \$12,500. Bobby Denton, Jena, LaSalle Parish; (318) 992-4504.

2005 2388 with 2052 Draper Header and trailer, 4,715 hours, 3,228 separator hours, \$25,000 OBO. Tyler Clark, Duson, Lafayette Parish; (337) 247-4022.

PLANTING & TILLAGE

HD 2-row hipper on 2 1.2X21/2X1/4 tool bar, 16-inch cut-out blades, sealed bearings, 3pt hitch, used once, \$400. Carroll Trahan, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 277-3932.

Row planter with 10 planting plates, ready to plant, pictures upon request, \$1,200 OBO.

Earl Normand, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 308-6713.

Large bottom plow, \$5,090
OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Troy-built Horse tiller, \$1,000
OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Four wavy and two fluted
planter coulters with hubs and bearings, shed kept, from JD 7100 planters, can send pics, \$30 each. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

Seven rolling cultivator fenders
with brackets and chains, can text pictures, \$150. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

TRAILERS & WAGONS

35ft Red Diamond, 3-axle, for
hauling automobiles or hay, \$5,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Top hat gooseneck dump
trailer, 12ft, \$8,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

16ft X 6 1/2ft HD utility trailer,
tandem axles with 6k rear or side entry, good shape, has all the papers, \$2,000 OBO. Joe V. Porto III, Napoleonville, Assumption Parish; (985) 513-9759.

Amish buggy with navigation
lights and brakes, like new, open to offers. John Robin, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 288-3221.

16ft X 6ft 10-inches flatbed
trailer, tilt bed, all metal, \$2,500. JW Lott, Glenmora, Rapides Parish; (318) 729-5609.

New one-horse buggy with top
and new set of harness, \$2,500. Russell Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; (318) 843-6312.

OTHER AG EQUIPMENT

Old hit and miss engine
International Harvester, call for pictures and info, \$400 OBO. Amber Flom, Carenco, Lafayette Parish; (406) 690-5919.

5ft heavy duty Servis bush hog
with new angle drive and new tail wheel, \$400 OBO. Benny Dew, Florien, Sabine Parish; (318) 565-4222.

7ft Bushhog brand grooming
mower, \$1,700. Bobby Wyble, Arnaudville, St. Martin Parish; (337) 754-7169.

19 1/2ft Triple K Field cultivator
with drag pipe, good condition, \$700. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Set of tires and tubes, 20.8-38,
\$500 for both or \$300 for one. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Three Grain carts, 2-tristate
260 and 350bu, Rayne grain 250bu, all for \$2,700. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Two combine seves for JD 95,
\$250 for both. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

JD 7700 combine final drives
8-hole, \$500 each. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

LT275 X 70 X 18 Mickey
Thompson tire, \$70. Charles

Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Two 10-ply 265X75XR16
Kleverm/t kenda, \$40 each. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

12ft Taylorway disk, fair
condition, \$900. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

24ft JD field cultivator, fair
condition, \$600. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

15ft stalk chopper 3pt, heavy
duty, good condition, \$1,999. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

2 complete INT engines,
\$1,500. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

13' Foot Taylorway Field
Cultivator Fair Cond. \$500.00, Charles R Jarreau, Lakeland, La, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

Tiger Flail mower, rear PTO 90-
inch, many new parts, text for pictures, \$2,500 OBO. Garrison Landry, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 288-2387.

3pt Carryall or hay fork,
homemade, good condition, \$50. Greg Lafleur, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 831-0889.

Ford 8n transmission assembly,
\$295. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

Ford 134 cu. in. gas engine
block, \$195. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

New and used 8n-9n Ford
parts, \$20 and up. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

New HD seat assembly, \$165.
James Degeyter, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 754-7682.

Post-hole digger, three augers,
3PT-hitch, \$1,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Kewane Packer, 20ft, \$2,500.
Larry Fontenot, Jennings, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 230-5170.

Farmall super A 4' rotary cutter,
House brand, garage kept like new with chainsaw guards, used 4 times, runs very quiet, hook to drawbar, \$1,000 OBO. Robert, Natchez, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 619-9142.

Bush Hog PHD2403 Post Hole
Digger, brand new with 1-foot extension 6' diameter x 48' long, \$3,500. Ronnie Boudreaux, Church Point, St. Landry Parish; (337) 247-1799.

Three bottom John Deere
breaking plow, \$1,200. Russell Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; (318) 843-6312.

5ft hp box blade, good shape,
\$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

5ft SAT AMCO disc, needs
attention, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

JD 709 bush hog, needs deck
work, \$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

Scoop, good shape, 3pt hitch,
\$300. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

Disk hillers, 3pt, 3-blade, solid
bar, \$400. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

One-point sub-soiler, 3ph, solid
bar, HD, \$400. TG Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

2 7/8 oilfield tubing available,
to be picked up near Crowley, \$40 per joint. Wayne Haristy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 581-5126.

WANTED: Single row maker.
Aaron Fusilier, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 457-5667.

OTHER AG IMPLEMENTS

Summit metal cutting lathe, 19-4-96 three phase, Bridgeport Mill, 9X42-inch table, 3 phase electric convertor, 20hp, Sears 197-amp hi+low welding machine, need to sell call for pricing. Ambrose Baham, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-1415.

Livestock feed troughs on
skids, 4ftX8ft, \$390, 1-ton capacity bulk feed, \$850. Anthony Brown, Goldonna, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 357-0616.

Oat Tank, heavy duty steel,
holds about 2,400 lbs., great

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condition, on skids, \$2,000. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 351-1822.

Antique seed planter, \$1,500. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Four Scythes, late 1800s, \$150 each. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Five antique horse/mule collars, \$450. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Late 1800s rock mule plow, \$225. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Milk cans, stainless steel, 5-gallon with covers, \$75 each. Ed Schwegman, Bush, St. Tammany Parish; (985) 373-6202.

Brass Fire brands, all numbers, 4-inch size with 42-inch handles, great shape, \$300. Edwin Broussard, Forest Hill, Rapides Parish; (512) 673-3362.

Lem brand #8 575-watt countertop sausage grinder with stuffing tube, grinds 2-3 pounds per minute forward and reverse, still in box with paperwork, like brand new, \$75. James, Pollock, Grant Parish; (318) 765-3359.

Honda Black Max generator, \$1,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

New, never used #1 gauge awg thin copper wire two 24ft pieces, one 19 ft, one 40 ft, \$1 per ft. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

DEK 5650 watt / 7060 surge generator, in great shape, \$325. Linster Guillot, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-1705.

30-gallon fuel tank, \$150. Lorris Wayne Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.

Metal posts, 8ft, 6ft, and 4ft , \$3 each. Lorris Wayne Ward, Saline, Bienville Parish; (318) 576-3639.

Wire cages for Macaw to Cockatiel, factory cages for parakeets and Conures, wire cages made with heavy gauge wire, leave message if no answer, call for pricing. Louis Pennison, Morgan City, Assumption Parish; (985) 631-2368.

Georgia Quail Farm Sportsman Incubator, comes with egg tray for large eggs, \$350 OBO. Sam Marshall, Campti, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 521-0879.

WANTED: One or more 18-4-38 R2 bias rear tractor tires, one or more 18-4-42 10-hole wheel with or without tire. Charles Jarreau, Lakeland, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 405-6965.

WANTED: Bulk milk tanks, any size working or not. Lamar Holmes, Keatchie, DeSoto Parish; (318) 286-7406.

WANTED: Mustard green planter. Raymond Bates, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

TACK

Hand braided nylon cow whips \$50/up, repair whips too. Billy Anderson, Baker, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 592-2431.

Handmade Champion roping saddle, 16" seat, excellent condition, \$3,500 firm. Brant Duplechin, Arnaudville, St. Landry Parish; (337) 351-1822.

Ryon ranch cutting saddle, \$800, Ken Raye cutting saddle, \$1,000, bridles, spurs, saddle pads, and more. Gene, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (225) 978-3820.

FARM BUILDINGS FOR SALVAGE

WANTED: Used Utility shed, sized 8X8 to 12X12, to keep my tools in. Raymond, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-5549.

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Chicken litter or ag lime spreader, we spread it all over LA, call for pricing. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

Ag Lime, \$32 per ton. Brent Duncan, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (985) 515-6655.

Free horse manure, excellent fertilizer for gardens, will load

in your pickup or trailer with tractor. Lloyd Caballero, Maurice, Vermilion Parish; (337) 781-2580.

Garden Compost, \$20 per scoop. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-4067.

FOOD

EGGS

Smoked pickled quail eggs, \$10 per pint, 20 eggs per pint, other flavors available, pick up in Roanoke, \$10. Cody Lejeune, Roanoke, Jefferson Davis Parish; (337) 962-8140.

Pharaoh quail egg, \$0.20, Pickled egg, \$0.15, a week-old egg, \$1.25, 2-week-old, \$1.75, full grown quail, \$2.50 male. Blaise Sonnier, Youngsville, Lafayette Parish; (337) 856-5884.

Chicken eggs collected throughout the day for freshest eggs possible from happy and healthy chickens, new cartons, shelf stable, unwashed, bloom still intact, delivery available, \$4 per dozen, \$9 flat. Sunflower Hill Farm LLC, Amite, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-1614.

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Several varieties of blue and white sugarcane, excellent for chewing and syrup making, you cut at the farm, \$50 cents per stalk. Gerald Burns, Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish; (225) 937-3112.

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Mayhaw juice for sale, frozen, undiluted, and deep red, makes beautiful jelly, \$12 per quart. Caroline Ancelet, Scott, Lafayette Parish; (337) 781-2396.

Fresh Sweet Potatoes, Avoyelles and Orleans varieties, available in 40 lb. boxes, call for more information, \$25. Joey Dugas, Mansura, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 308-3120.

HAY & GRAIN

Taking orders for 2025 Bermuda square bales, email or text, big_country1967@yahoo.com, \$6 per bale in the field, \$7 per bale in the barn. Bob Murphy, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 230-5634.

4X5 Round Bahia bales, net wrapped, baled 2025, \$25 each. Carlos Guillot, Marksville, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 359-6764.

Russell Bermuda 5X5 round bales, \$40 each, Russell Bermuda 2025 square bales, \$9, 2024 square bales, \$7. Craig Soileau, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 831-4234.

Bahia hay, 2024 rolls, \$36, 2025 rolls, \$45, 2024 square bales, \$5, 2025 square hay, \$6. Danny Schleismann, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-8341.

2025 Horse hay, Pensacola Bahia grass, third cutting, fertilized, fine stem hay, baled 9/20/25, tight square bales, delivery available for a fee, \$6 in barn. David Joiner, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 320-3073.

5x5 round bales, Bahia grass, well fertilized, under barn, \$55. Delos Thompson, Folsom, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 373-4067.

2025 Bahia Hay, fertilized, horse hay, round bales, \$45, square bales, \$6.50, cow hay, round bales, \$30, cured without rain, stored in barn. Joseph Patanella, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 687-6621.

4X5 Round bales cow hay, 2025 bales, \$30 each, 2024 bales, \$20 each. Keith Guillory, Iowa, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 884-5072.

Soybeans for feed purposes, deer, call for price. Kenneth Morris, Post Barre, St. Landry Parish; (337) 290-5016.

Square Bales 007 Bermuda horse quality hay, well maintained fields, 20 bale minimum, \$8. Kenny Saucier, Tylertown, Washington Parish; (601) 248-0067.

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4X6 bales of Bahia grass, call or text, \$20. Lance, Eunice/Richard, Acadia Parish; (337) 305-3655.

Bahia hay, fertilized to soil test, stored on pallets in barn, 4x5 round and square available, \$50 per roll and \$6 for square. Melvin Husser, Loranger, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 517-1792.

Round Bales 4X5, Bahia, plastic wrapped for storing outside or transport, \$45 each. Mike Beard, Sunshine, Iberville Parish; (225) 276-8374.

Jiggs Bermuda bales, and other kinds, 5X4, round rolls, net wrapped, well fertilized, barn kept, over 200 available, can deliver, also have outside hay, \$25 per bale. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

70 rolls of Bahia 4x5 net wrapped unfertilized hay per roll delivery available for extra charge, \$35. Morris Hebert, Oakdale, Allen Parish; (337) 570-6361.

5X5 Bermuda/Bahia mixed round bale, \$25 per bale. Shane Gautreaux, Ville Platte, Evangeline Parish; (337) 466-2915.

4x5 Round Bales, quality hay, barn kept, \$45. Shannon Dinger, Independence, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 351-1159.

2025 crop, Argentine Bahia, barn kept, fertilized, 4X5, \$45. Wayne Prats, Plainview, Washington Parish; (504) 908-3908.

WANTED: Anyone in need of round bales, I have about 12 acres to cut and bale for free. Angie Brown, Kaplan, Vermilion Parish; (337) 382-4225.

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Cypress wood duck nest boxes, \$55 each, predator guards, \$30 each. Greg Vidrine, Eunice, St. Landry Parish; (337) 230-7295.

Antique building contents, one price buys everything, \$7,500. Dannie W. Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

Collection of antique gas meters some coin operated and early as 1870, 40-year collection rare and unique, \$4,000 OBO. Robert Wilmore, Natchez, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 619-9142.

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GUNS & ACCESSORIES

Remington 45 Nitro Steel 10-gauge shells, #2 shot, 3 1/2" long, 11/2oz, 1,450fps, sell for \$50 for all 45 shells, leave message if interested. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

Six boxes of 270 hunting ammo, 140-130 grain, valued at \$325, sell all for, \$175. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

WANTED: 16-gauge Remington 1100, must leave message. Russell Gautreaux, Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 335-7834.

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Split seasoned oak firewood, local delivery available, \$300 per cord. Stephen, Wakefield, West Feliciana Parish; (225) 938-6836.

Free firewood, large oaks on the ground, you cut and haul, some cut in firewood lengths. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

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SERVICES

EQUINE SERVICES

Race horse trainer, over 25 years experience training race horses, won races, licensed trainer, Delta Down, Fairground, Louisiana Down, Evangeline Down, \$50 per day. Ed or Cordel Cormier, Lafayette, Lafayette Parish; (337) 326-7087.

Horse trainer, breaking and training, pro cutter on site, ranch training, speed event training, riding lessons, call for quote. Rachel Bertrand, Crowley, Acadia Parish; (337) 384-6997.

AGMHorsemanship horse training (lessons included), colt starting, tune-ups, basic manners, call for quote. Abigail Grace, Dry Creek, Allen Parish; (318) 229-1918.

5B Breaking & Training, AQHA Professional Horseman's Team member, specializing in 2-yr-old and problem horses, developing good broke ranch cow horses, 39 years' experience with references, covered and outside arena, call for quote. John Brown, Franklinton, Washington Parish; (225) 931-9210.

FARM SERVICES

Bushhog and finishing mower work, and lawn services, Avoyelles Parish area, call for quote. Blake Ducote, Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish; (318) 305-4949.

Gravel, dirt, driveways, bushhogging, materials delivered for a price depending on



location, many other services offered, call for free quote. Dawson Krull, Avoyelles Parish; (337) 945-6542.

Cattle penning, working and hauling, portable equipment, large or small herd, problem cattle, 50 years' experience, will travel, call for quote. Terry or Jason, Eunice, Acadia Parish; (337) 789-1927.

Driveway work, road work, limestone, calbase, ash, roadbase, crushed concrete, recycled asphalt, sand, dirt paths, tractor work, excavator work, call for free estimate. Alvin Joseph, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 526-1102.

Fence building barb, net, boards, pipe and hotwire, references provided, fence cleaning, repairs, catch pens, arenas, custom entry ways, \$1/ft and up, call for free estimates. Ben Baggett, Middie, Allen Parish; (337) 370-8254.

Bennie's Pressure Washing, we wash houses, barns, concrete, pool decks and fences, insured, serving Baton Rouge and surrounding area, call for a quote. Bennie Martin, Denham Springs, Livingston Parish; (225) 287-3878.

Many years of experience in installation/repair of agriculture, commercial and residential fencing, fence row clearing, augering, demo/maintenance/repair projects both commercial and residential, call for free estimates. Joe Hensgens, Rayne, Acadia Parish; (985) 992-9119.

Fields and pastures mowed, mulched, cultivated, contoured, aerated, and drained, trees removed, recondition arenas and gravel roads 8" deep, install and repair ponds, culverts, roads, walls, and fences, call for quote. John W Cleary, Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 634-0074.

Handyman, sewer, water and air testing, fencing, bushhogging, concrete pouring, drainage and roofing, Livingston

Parish and surrounding areas, call for quote. Lattie Martin, Walker, Livingston Parish; (225) 405-5229.

Cut The Bull, Certified Bovine Artificial Insemination, Seymour's Artificial Insemination. Seymour, Livingston, Livingston Parish; (225) 907-5792.

NUISANCE ANIMAL REMOVAL

Wooden armadillo trap, \$40. Don Sayes, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 445-0600.

WANTED: Hog traps, new or used. Tyrone Dubroc, Jackson, East Feliciana Parish; (225) 721-2730.

STALLION SERVICE

Four Foundation Bred stallions, negative coggins required and vet checked ultrasound, \$800/\$10 mare care. Frederick Rodosta, Opelousas, St. Landry Parish; (337) 331-3151.

AQHA WYO-Blue Buddy, born July 03, 2012, team roping head horse or to pin your cattle with, kids can ride, blue roan stallion, Reg. #5505700, health cert. and neg. Coggins required, \$500/\$10 mare care. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

AQHA horse, "Peppinita" Figure Four, #5403078 BD, foundation bred stud, 4/20/11, bay roan, health cert. & neg. Coggins required, \$500/\$10 mare care. Mitch Johnson, Pitkin, Vernon Parish; (337) 423-3507.

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digger, \$15,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Kubota 175, 5ft bushhog, \$3,000 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

IH 1486 with Front end loader for parts, block cracked during freeze, will sell separate, \$5,000 OBO. Garrison Landry, Port Allen, West Baton Rouge Parish; (225) 288-2387.

JD 2240 with loader, \$8,900. Joseph Major, Church Point, Acadia Parish; (337) 945-6960.

5320 JD tractor, 55hp, with 520 JD loader, new clutch, water pump, battery, key switch, JD 6X6 bushhog, JD pallet forks, loader mounted 4ft side cutter bushhog, box blade, shed kept, excellent condition, \$27,000 will not separate. Lee Cook, Husser, Tangipahoa Parish; (985) 981-7819.

2860 E Massey, 200 hours, 60hp, compact, like new, sell or trade, has front loader, text for more information and pricing. Perry Taylor, Sunset, St. Landry Parish; (337) 290-0692.

Farmall Cub Woods belly mower with lift bracket and rear pulleys, rear weights and 3 draw bars, 5' blade for Super A too, \$1,000 OBO. Robert Wilmore, Natchez, Natchitoches Parish; (318) 619-9142.

1206 International tractor, real good motor, uses no oil, good sheet metal, \$2,500. Russell Kettler, Gibsland, Bienville Parish; (318) 843-6312.

2538 Mahindra, 4 WD, 6ft bush hog, front end loader with forks, 1099 hours, radio, AC/Heat, \$23,000. Terry Finley, Calhoun, Ouachita Parish; (318) 348-4408.

950 JD tractor front blade, come see, \$3,500. TG

Turner, Pineville, Rapides Parish; (318) 880-3161.

WANTED: Small tractor with front end loader, grapple if possible, also Kubota for parts and 8X8 rear wheels. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

WANTED: Wheels L175 Kubota, rear 24-inch, front 12-inch, or whole tractor for parts. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

WANTED: Abandoned or unwanted tractors, any make, model, or year. Mark Wittliff, Houston, Acadia Parish; (281) 442-5330.

WANTED: Quick-connect forks for Kubota 40hp or bolt on for bucket. Trahan, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 528-3456.

VEHICLES

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Kawasaki 3010 Mule, 4WD, \$6,500 OBO. Jim Smith, Stonewall, DeSoto Parish; (318) 218-9690.

Free Honda Trail 70 Shriners type, free for a restore project person or organization. Trahan, Sulphur, Calcasieu Parish; (337) 528-3456.

FARM TRUCKS

1992 Jeep Wrangler, 182k miles, title, great for farm/camp, runs, \$4,500. Brad Joffrion, Livonia, Pointe Coupee Parish; (225) 718-4495.

1990 Wayne School bus, 85,000 miles, \$2,000. Dannie Lynch, Winnfield, Winn Parish; (318) 277-6572.

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Louisiana timber titan honored by Tech for forest products innovation



From left to right: Gary Kennedy, Roy O. Martin III, Dr. Jim Henderson; and Scott Poole during the Louisiana Tech University graduation ceremony on November 26, 2025. Photo Credit: Louisiana Tech

Louisiana timber titan Roy O. Martin III, who's retiring as CEO of his family's century-old forestry products empire Jan. 1, was honored for his ongoing advancement of the industry with an honorary doctorate of humanities from Louisiana Tech University.

Martin, who will remain as board chairman for the company his grandfather founded in 1923, was conferred the degree in a surprise presentation during Tech's Nov. 26 graduation ceremony.

Martin said he was "shocked and humbled" by the award.

"I believe that this honor recognizes the body of work accomplished by the RoyOMartin employees and charity of the entire RoyOMartin family and company," he told USA Today Network. "As the quarterback, I receive the prize, but this honor is shared by the world class team of RoyOMartin and the 100 year-old values of the RoyOMartin family."

Martin's company, which owns more than 500,000 acres of timberlands, employs more than 1,200 workers at its forest product manufacturing mills in Chopin, Oakdale and Corrigan, Texas, and corporate headquarters in Alexandria. The company also operates a healthcare division.

Louisiana's timber and forest products industry is the largest sector within the state's agriculture economy with a \$3.6 billion annual impact and 15 million acres of farmed timber in the state.

Louisiana Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain and Martin are longtime friends.

"He's a stalwart in the timber industry, a true leader in advancing harvesting and manufacturing in our state and beyond our borders," Strain said in an interview with USA Today Network.

State Rep. Jack McFarland, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, went to work for Martin at the Chopin mill in 1995 and continues to contract with the company today as an independent timber harvester.

"He's a leader of innovation in the forest products industry and always on the cutting edge of technology," McFarland said.

Martin is an LSU graduate, but his partnership with Tech has led to the development of the university's Forest Products Innovation Center, a facility now under construction on Tech's South Campus set to open in the fall of 2026.

The center is designed to advance forestry education, research and cutting-edge discovery while supporting research and workforce development.

"He has distinguished himself through his professional achievements, civic leadership and dedicated support of higher education, including through his generosity as we establish the Louisiana Tech University Forest Products Innovation Center," Tech President Jim Henderson said.

By: Greg Hilburn, Shreveport Times

Ag Producers Should Do Year-End Tax Planning

Now is the time to consider year-end income tax planning. There have been changes to the tax law in 2025 that agricultural producers should be aware of.

"When tax planning, it is best to start with year-to-date income and expenses, and estimate them for the remainder of the year," says Ron Haugen, North Dakota State University Extension farm management specialist. "Estimate depreciation, and include any income that was deferred to 2025 from a previous year."

Haugen recommends producers try spreading out income and expenses so as to not have abnormally high or low income or expenses in any one year.

Farmers and ranchers have until March 2, 2026, to file their 2025 income tax returns without penalty if they have not made estimates.

Qualified farmers have until April 15, 2026, to file without penalty if they have paid their estimated tax deposit by Jan. 15.

Haugen encourages producers to think about making a deposit by Jan. 15, 2026, if it looks like they will have a tax liability:

"That would give producers more time to prepare their return and file on April 15."

Haugen includes tax provisions to take note of:

- Agricultural producers are allowed to use 200% declining balance depreciation for 3-year, 5-year, 7-year and 10-year property. A 150% declining balance is required for 15-year and 20-year property.
- For most new agricultural machinery and equipment (except grain bins), the recovery period is five years.
- The Section 179 expense has increased. It generally allows producers to deduct up to \$2.5 million on new or used machinery or equipment purchased in the tax year. There is a dollar-for-dollar phase-out for purchases exceeding \$5 million. Equipment must be above 50% business use to use Section 179. A net operating loss cannot be generated with a 179-expense election.
- The additional 100% first-year bonus depreciation has been reinstated for purchases after Jan. 19, 2025. The rate is 40% for purchases between Jan. 1 and Jan. 19, 2025. It is available for both used and new property.
- Net operating loss (NOL) carryback rules are in effect. Producers can carry back losses to offset income.

- Like-kind exchanges are not allowed for personal property but are allowed for real property.
- Income averaging can be used by producers to spread the tax liability to lower income tax brackets in the three previous years. This is done on Schedule J.
- Producers may also use Form ND-1 FA (income averaging) for North Dakota income tax calculations.

Haugen offers these tax planning tips for a low-income year:

- Amortize fertilizer purchases.
- Capitalize repairs. Pick and choose which repairs to capitalize.
- Postpone expenses.
- Do not 179 expense all purchases. Use regular depreciation.

Information on agricultural topics can be found in the Farmer's Tax Guide, Publication 225. It can be obtained at any IRS office or ordered by calling 800-829-3676.

Additional questions on this topic should be addressed to a tax professional or the IRS at 800-829-1040 or <https://www.irs.gov>.

By Ron Haugen, ndsu.edu

Stay safe when decorating for the holidays

As families prepare their homes for the holidays, the LSU AgCenter's LaHouse Research and Education Center encourages residents to keep safety at top of mind while choosing decor.

Holiday decor, especially lights, trees and inflatables can increase fire risks if not managed properly. Following proper safety protocols for common decoration pieces can help keep your family and home safe during the holiday season.

Electrical fires increase each winter and much of the risk comes from overloaded outlets, older lighting strands and dried-out trees. LaHouse recommends:

Inspect lights before hanging. Replace strands with frayed wires, cracked bulbs or loose connections. Choose LED holiday lights, which stay cooler and reduce fire risk.

Don't connect too many lights. Most indoor and outdoor lights have a limit on how many strands can be connected, be sure to follow this recommended number to reduce fire risk.

Avoid overloaded outlets. Plug décor into multiple circuits when possible and use power strips with built-in circuit breakers.

Water real Christmas trees daily. A hydrated tree is far less likely to become a fire hazard. Keep all trees at least three feet from heat sources such as fireplaces, space heaters and candles.

Use outdoor-rated lights outdoors. Weather-rated cords, timers and lights prevent electrical hazards.

Turn off decorations before bedtime. Use timers or smart plugs to ensure lights are off overnight and when no one is home.

Also, decorate with efficiency in mind.

December can also bring higher energy bills as temperatures drop and decorative lighting increases. LaHouse recommends these easy efficiency tips:

Choose LEDs over incandescent lights. LED strings use up to 75% less energy and last longer.

Use timers and smart plugs to limit run time for lights and inflatables.

By: Shelly Kleinpeter, LSU AgCenter



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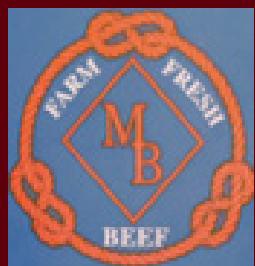


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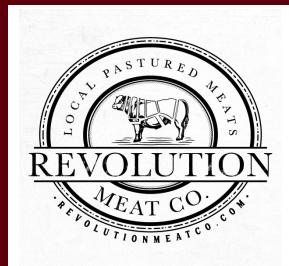
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Producer Spotlight



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SPICY & SWEET DEVILED EGGS

Submitted by Acadian Kitchens | www.acadiankitchens.com



INGREDIENTS

- 8 large eggs
- 3 Tbsp real Mayonnaise
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- 1 tsp of Ragin' Cajun Louisiana Mild Seasoning

- 7 chopped Ragin' Cajun Sweet & Spicy Pickle Slices
- 1 Tbsp Ragin' Cajun Sweet & Spicy Jalapeño Relish

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Hard boil 8 eggs. Cool boiled eggs in a bowl of iced water, crack shells and let soak in cool water for 10 minutes.
2. Cut into halves and put the yolks into a bowl.
3. In another bowl mix together mayonnaise, mustard and Ragin' Cajun Mild Cajun Seasoning, Ragin' Cajun Jalapeño Relish, and Ragin' Cajun Spicy Sweet Pickle Slices chopped.
4. Mix mixture with the egg yolks and stir or beat until thoroughly mixed.
5. Pipe or spoon into egg halves.
6. Garnish with paprika. Serve chilled.

CHICKEN GUMBO

Submitted by Southern Belle Acadian Rice Mill | www.acadianrice.com



INGREDIENTS

- 1 (3-4lb.) chicken, cut up
- ½ c vegetable oil
- ½ c flour
- 1 large onion, minced
- ½ c minced bell pepper
- 2 cloves minced garlic

- 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp tabasco sauce
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ Tbsp black pepper
- ½ tsp red pepper
- 1 bay leaf

- 3 quart hot water
- 1 lb. smoked sausage, sliced
- ½ c sliced green onion
- ½ c minced parsley

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Season chicken pieces with salt and pepper.
2. Heat oil in heavy pot; add chicken and brown evenly; remove and set aside.
3. Make roux by adding flour to hot oil in pot. Stir constantly over medium heat until the color is that of a dark coffee with cream and smells like browned flour.
4. Stir onion, celery, and bell pepper into roux.
5. Add chicken and cook until vegetables are tender.
6. Add Worcestershire, tabasco, salt, red pepper and bay leaf. Add hot water and cover and simmer for 1 hour.
7. Add sausage, remove bay leaf, and cover and simmer for 1 more hour.
8. Skim off excess fat; add green onion and parsley and simmer 10 minutes.
9. Serve in bowls over Southern Belle Rice.

APPLE BLUEBERRY CRISP

Submitted by Red Stick Spice Co. | blog.redstickspice.com



INGREDIENTS

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 c old fashioned oats
- ½ c flour
- 1 tsp Vietnamese Cinnamon
- ½ c sugar
- ½ c brown sugar
- ¼ tsp salt

Ingredients for Filling:

- 4 large apples, peeled and diced
- 1 ½ c blueberries
- 2 Tbsp flour
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- ¼ tsp Vietnamese Cinnamon
- 2 Tbsp butter, cut into small pieces

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray a 9X13 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
2. Combine the fruit with the flour, sugar, cinnamon and bits of butter. Toss to coat.
3. Place fruit mixture in the prepared baking dish.
4. Combine the topping ingredients and sprinkle evenly over the fruit.
5. Bake for 40 minutes or until the topping is golden brown and the apples are tender. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.



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SWCD Spotlight

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In support of precision agriculture, the District continued to offer its Real-Time Kinematic (RTK) system for rent. This satellite-based technology delivers centimeter-level accuracy for tasks such as planting, fertilizing, and spraying. Eleven cooperators used the system this year, improving row spacing in sugarcane fields and enhancing the accuracy of fertilizer and herbicide applications—ultimately reducing waste and improving yields.

The District also expanded its feral hog trapping program by renting out three Pig Brig traps year-round. Since 2023, over 100 hogs have been captured, helping to reduce the damage these invasive animals cause to farmland and ecosystems. The traps were funded through the 2022 Supplemental Appropriations Bill, thanks to an amendment by Rep. Jack McFarland. The bill provided over 60 hog trapping systems to statewide SWCDs not included in the 2018 Farm Bill-funded pilot program—seven of which are in Louisiana. The District also participated in a Pig Brig seminar to train staff and cooperators on trap setup, baiting, and removal techniques.

Conservation efforts extended to wetlands and forests as well. On May 22, the District carried out its annual Revegetation Project at Scat Lake Pond in Marsh Island. By planting native grasses, the District helps stabilize shorelines and reduce erosion caused by



wave action and rising water levels. The Vegetation Technician identifies high-priority areas and selects plant species and quantities to maximize ecological impact.

In February, the District joined forces with NRCS partners, local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H members for its annual tree planting event at Lake Fausse Point. Sponsored by the Apache Corporation, this initiative is part of a national effort that has provided over five million trees to more than 1,000 nonprofit and government partners since 2005.

The District's work was also celebrated at the Outstanding Farmer Supper, held on March 20 at the Harvest Room in New Iberia. This annual event honors the achievements of local cooperators and highlights the District's ongoing projects. This year's Outstanding Farmer was Mr. Buddy Oubre, who was also recently featured in the LDAF-Office of Soil and Water's Goodlands series. Mr. Oubre modified sugarcane harvesters to redirect leafy residue onto

Iberia SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



the harvester tracks, creating a protective mat that reduces soil compaction and field damage during harvest.

During the supper, the District also recognized Mrs. Lisa Hulin, who retired after 48 years of dedicated service as the District's Administrative Assistant. Her decades of commitment have left a lasting legacy, and her contributions were warmly celebrated by attendees.

The District's leadership continues to guide its success. Board members include Robert Judice (12 years), Guy Viator (11 years), Benson Langlinais (5 years), John Viator (4 years), and Lisa Hulin (1 year). Associate Board Member Brad Judice, who previously served for 8 years. He carries on a family tradition of service; his father, Darrell Judice, served on the board for nearly 30 years.

Through education, innovation, and community partnerships, the Iberia SWCD remains a vital force in protecting Louisiana's natural resources for future generations.



Robert Judice

Guy Viator

John Viator

Lisa Hulin

Benson Langlinais

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It is fruit planting season in Louisiana. See what LSU horticulturalists say should be planted now

Now that the cooler winter months are rolling in, it's time to start planting.

Despite misconceptions, the prime time to plant fruits and vegetables is the late fall, not the spring.

"You want to get them out during this cold season," said Denyse Cummins, an extension horticulturalist at the LSU AgCenter.

By planting fruits like strawberries in the late fall, they have the time to sit through the winter and start blooming and producing fruit around February. Even though it looks like plants are just "sitting there" in the winter, Cummins said, there is a lot more going on underground. These plants are growing roots and accessing all of the nutrients during these colder months.

When it warms up in the spring, the fruit plants get the push to grow. Since they had time to grow over the winter, Cummins said the plants have something to fall back on when it stops raining and gets hot.

Some of the fruits that are best to plant now through February are apples, blackberries, figs, peaches and plums.

Alongside other horticulture professors, Cummins contributed to the creation of a "Sustainable Gardening" guide.

"The whole concept behind it is that you are going to garden in such a way as to leave the environment as good or better as when you started," Cummins said.

Carl Motsenbocker, a horticulture professor at LSU and the executive director of the Louisiana Farm to School Program, said that the guide is a part of their work. It is based on temperature zones throughout the state and shows when it is best to plant different fruits and vegetables.

While it might be best to plant strawberries in November, other crops like tomatoes should be planted from March to May.

Beyond the guide, Motsenbocker and his team put together detailed guides of different crops, which can be found on the Seeds to Success website. The details include more than just planting times, including the history about where certain plants are from and how their cultivation began. Their largest guide is on tomatoes and how to grow them successfully in the high temperatures of Louisiana summers.

"Heat-tolerant tomato cultivars are used in Louisiana summer heat," Motsenbocker said.

Alongside history, culture plays a big role in planting and gardening. Cummins said that cultural practices are when someone

repeats something out of habit. In relation to gardening, maybe it was because they saw a relative do it or maybe it is an activity that has grown on them from their community.

The AgCenter offers advice on preventive methods that make plants easier to grow and require less labor. Here are some steps that Cummins recommended repeating:

Keep soil covered at all times, especially during the winter

Keep up with fertilizer and put it down when you first plant because it gives the plant a little more as it grows

Grow plants at the right time

Use a lot of mulch on top of the soil because it gives the soil nutrients and organic matter

Learning how to be a sustainable gardener leaves the soil better than when it was found, Cummins said. Paying attention to these tips not only makes gardening easier and more productive, but also more mindful.

"These are practices and things that your grandfather did and you know they kind of got forgotten and a lot of people don't know about them," Cummins said.

By Emily Bracher, Reveille News Reporter

LDAF Announces Partnership with Everblue to Launch Online Pesticide Certification and Horticultural Licensing Exams

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) has partnered with Everblue, an innovative technology company specializing in digital transformation and process automation, to introduce online pesticide certification and horticultural licensing examinations. This new option, launched in November 2025, is designed to increase convenience, access, and flexibility for exam candidates across the state.

Dr. Ansel Rankins Sr., Assistant Commissioner of the Office of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, said the partnership marks a major advancement in how LDAF delivers its regulatory exams.

"This is an important step forward in our exam delivery for candidates," said Dr. Rankins. "It not only expands access to

testing but also frees up valuable time for our field inspectors, who often assisted with exam administration duties when administrative staff were unavailable. The new system modernizes our process while maintaining exam integrity."

Through Everblue's platform, candidates approved by LDAF now have the option to take their exams remotely with full online proctoring. The system manages candidate enrollment and exam delivery, ensuring a secure and credible testing experience for Louisiana businesses and applicators.

For many years, LDAF offered in-person exams at seven regional offices throughout the state. With the adoption of the online testing format, exams are no longer administered at regional locations. However,

in-person testing will continue to be offered at the LDAF Baton Rouge main office for those who prefer or require a traditional testing environment.

Candidates must still submit an application and applicable fees to LDAF before registering to take any exam. Upon approval, they will receive instructions on selecting their preferred testing method—either online through Everblue or in person in Baton Rouge.

For more information about Louisiana's remote pesticide certification and horticultural licensing exams, visit www.ldaf.la.gov.

USDA to Expand Crop Insurance Access for Farmers and Ranchers, Boosting the Farm Safety Net

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins announced major updates to federal crop insurance, reducing red tape for farmers, modernizing long-standing policies, and expanding access to critical risk protection beginning with the 2026 crop year. The Expanding Access to Risk Protection (EARP) Final Rule streamlines requirements across multiple crops, responds to producer feedback, and strengthens USDA's commitment to putting America's farmers first.

"President Trump is cutting burdensome regulations and strengthening the farm safety net to ensure the future viability of American agriculture. Across the Trump Administration, we are removing burdensome regulations that were strangling small businesses. For every new regulation, President Trump has eliminated a remarkable 48 - lifting a weighted blanket from the American economy," said Secretary Brooke Rollins. "With this new rule, we are delivering real, meaningful relief by modernizing the system, expanding access to crop insurance, and making it easier, not harder, for farmers and ranchers to protect their operations and keep doing the work that keeps America fueled and fed. We are continuing to put Farmers First every step of the way."

Reducing Regulatory Burdens

Improving Land Access Through Prevented Planting Relief

Removes the "insured" requirement from the "1 in 4" rule for prevented planting payments. Producers must still show the land was planted and harvested (or adjusted for an insurable cause of loss) in one of the previous four years.

Streamlining Production Reporting

Allows policyholders switching Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to submit production reports directly to their new provider, reducing confusion and paperwork.

Expanding Direct Marketing Options

Allows insurance under the Dollar Plan for direct-marketed fresh market tomatoes and peppers beginning with the 2027 crop year, reflecting specialty crop business practices in Northeastern states.

Simplifying Dispute Resolution

In accordance with Executive Order 14192, Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation, removes the "automatic nullification" rule and shifts fact-finding authority to the courts, reducing administrative burdens on policyholders and AIPs.

Deregulating Coverage Dates

Removes termination, cancellation, and end-of-insurance dates from federal regulations and places them in policy provisions, enabling more flexible, county-level updates.

Additional Policy Updates

One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA) Implementation:

- Incorporates provisions from Manager's Bulletin 25-006.
- Extends beginning farmer and rancher eligibility from 5 to 10 crop years.
- Updates additional premium subsidy rates: 15% (years 1-2), 13% (year 3), 11% (year 4), and 10% (years 5-10).

Revenue Protection Clarifications

- Establishes that harvest prices will equal projected prices when insufficient data prevents use of the approved methodology.
- Creates a reimbursement process for policyholders who paid additional revenue protection premiums in such cases.

Crop-Specific Improvements

- Fresh Market Tomatoes: Extends end of insurance period by one month in TN and SC to better cover late-season hurricanes (2027 crop year).
- Fresh Market Peppers: Adds insurance dates aligned with northern growing seasons to support Dollar Plan expansion into Northeastern states.
- Safflower: Moves the contract change date from December 31 to November 30, aligning with other spring crops and simplifying enrollment.

Effective Dates and Public Comment

The EARP Final Rule became effective Nov. 30, 2025, for crops with a contract change date on or after that date (2026 crop year) and for the 2027 crop year as specified. USDA will accept public comments until January 27, 2026.

Additional Information

Producers should contact their local crop insurance agent or visit the RMA website for guidance on how these updates may affect coverage options.

Black Vulture Depredation Sub-Permit

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All applicants for the depredation sub-permit must agree to the requirements found in the Authorizations and Conditions section of the black vulture depredation permitting page at <https://www.ldaf.la.gov/animals/livestock/livestock-programs-and-permitting>. These authorizations and conditions are part of the statewide permit issued by the USFWS to LDAF.

All approved applicants will be allowed to "take" up to five black vultures, provided the statewide total "take" has not exceeded 1,000. Approved applicants must report each "take" within 48 hours. If 1,000 vultures are harvested

in the state, applicants will receive an email informing them that they are no longer allowed to take any more vultures during the permit period.

Approved applicants are not allowed to take any other migratory bird species. If an approved applicant does not harvest any black vultures, they are still obligated to report "no birds taken" to BlackVultureProgram@ldaf.state.la.us no later than December 31st.

Producers may apply for the LDAF Black Vulture Depredation Sub-Permit by visiting <https://www.ldaf.la.gov/animals/livestock/livestock-programs-and-permitting>.





How Midsouth row crop producers fared in 2025

Row crop producers across the South faced another difficult year in 2025. Weather challenges led to wide yield variability across much of the region. Even where yields were strong, low commodity prices and persistently high input costs kept margins tight, leaving many operations near or below breakeven for a third straight year. Shifts in acreage were common, with corn gaining ground at the expense of cotton and, in some areas, soybeans.

Financial stress remains a major concern heading into 2026, as limited storage capacity, tighter credit conditions and low prices continue to pressure farm profits. To capture conditions across the south, we asked Extension agricultural economists in each state to provide a brief summary of the 2025 season. Their state-by-state perspectives are below.

Arkansas

Arkansas row crop producers entered the 2025 crop year in one of the most financially challenging environments of the past decade, as crop receipts fell by \$465 million to \$4.46 billion, marking the third consecutive annual decline.

Corn led the downturn with a 31% year-over-year decline, followed by soybean and rice receipts, while cotton receipts remain soft due to acreage reductions. At the same time, production expenses remain elevated relative to historical averages, with fertilizer, seed, labor and interest costs continuing to pressure operating margins.

Across all principal crops, state-average net returns are projected to be negative, with breakeven prices and yields often 30%-40% above expected levels; late planting from generational flooding in April further increased downside risk. Record ad hoc assistance through ECAP (Emergency Commodity Assistance Program) and SDRP (Supplemental Disaster Relief Program) is expected to exceed \$1 billion and offset a portion of these losses. However, net farm income for the crop sector is still projected to remain negative even after accounting for program payments.

The mounting financial strain facing Arkansas producers continues as they confront low commodity prices, persistently high input costs and tighter credit conditions.

Kentucky

Three consecutive years of lower prices have already put Kentucky producers in a difficult position, and this year's extreme yield variability is adding even more pressure. Some areas will post record yields, while others will

fall well below average — especially soybeans, which are currently rated in the worst condition of any state.

A major concern right now is the lack of soybeans in storage. At harvest, many producers moved beans rather than storing them due to uncertainty surrounding the trade dispute, leaving most available storage filled with corn. That decision removed the opportunity to take advantage of last month's rally in soybean futures, and many producers were unable to benefit from the price improvement when it finally arrived.

While diversified operations with livestock may still be close to breakeven, row crop-focused farms are likely hovering at or below breakeven for the third consecutive year, tightening cash reserves and leaving many operations increasingly vulnerable to financial stress or potential default.

Louisiana

In Louisiana, corn acres increased by 330,000 acres (+75%) from 2024 to 2025. Most producers favored corn over cotton (and, to a lesser extent, soybeans) due to grain price competitiveness. Overall, yields were near the previous four-year average of 176 bushels per acre. Prices are finally becoming somewhat favorable for producers who elected to store their crop.

Like most of the Midsouth region, cotton acres in Louisiana were down year-over-year. Producers planted only 90,000 acres in 2025. Despite the low acreage, yields were at record highs at 1,314 pounds per acre, nearly a 250-pound-per-acre increase from the previous year. While yields were excellent, prices remained low. The high cost of production, coupled with the narrow price movement within the 66-68 cents per pound range in the spring, was a main factor behind the reduced acreage in the state.

Soybean acres in Louisiana were down year-over-year. Acreage for the oilseed is typically between 1.1 million and 1.2 million acres. However, the 2025 acreage was 790,000, mainly due to lackluster prices and trade uncertainty surrounding exports. Yields were the highest in five years, coming in at 54 bushels per acre.

Rice acres in Louisiana totaled 482,000 planted acres in 2025, the most since 2010. The yield per acre was 6,650 pounds, which is on par with the five-year average. High production costs and decreasing rice prices at harvest presented a major challenge for rice growers heading into the winter.

Mississippi

Weather played a major role in Mississippi's 2025 crop. Frequent heavy rains delayed planting for many producers, and late-summer drought stressed crops, resulting in significant yield variability across the state. Soybeans remained the largest crop at 1.8 million acres, but growers shifted more toward corn than cotton, planting 900,000 acres of corn compared with 330,000 acres of cotton. Financial conditions remain difficult.

The price environment is still unfavorable, and because Mississippi producers harvest early and lack the storage capacity common in other states, many were unable to capitalize on the recent soybean price rally. High production costs continue to squeeze margins, leaving most producers facing negative profits for the third consecutive year. Looking ahead to 2026, a growing number of producers have expressed equity concerns as they evaluate their farm financing options.

Tennessee

In Tennessee, 2025 row production was highly variable. Drought during July and August reduced yields and contributed to a second consecutive season of losses for many corn, soybean and cotton farmers. Cotton and soybean yields were hardest hit by the drought and will likely result in further downward revisions from current USDA yield estimates.

High input costs, low commodity prices and below trend yields resulted in per-acre losses between \$100 and \$250 for many producers. Before crop insurance and other government payments, Tennessee corn, cotton, soybean and wheat farmers are projected to lose over \$400 million in 2025. With substantial year-over-year losses, many producers will carry operating debt over into the next season for the second straight year.

Obtaining credit for the 2026 crop will be challenging for many producers without ad hoc government payments. Canola acres in Tennessee and Kentucky continued to expand in the fall of 2025, providing producers with an alternative to more traditional double-cropping systems. Growth in canola acreage has been driven by contracted acres, primarily in northwest Tennessee, to support a pilot program to produce sustainable aviation fuel.

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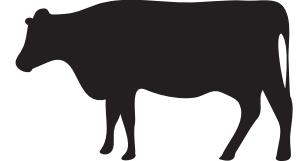
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